

metal, also disappeared. No trace has been since discovered of the thieves. The hermitage of Alborago, a few leagues from Valencia, where divine service is performed several times a-year, has also been robbed of everything of value. On the same day the house of the *curé* of Valencia was entered in his absence and that of his servant, and robbed of 1,000*l.* in money, and every article of value that the thieves could lay their hands on. One man out of a party of four who were seen leaving the house has been arrested.

APRIL 24.

*Discovery of Ancient Relics in Orkney.* A very important discovery of ancient silver relics has been made at Sandwick—perhaps one of the most extensive and important discoveries, in an archaeological point of view, that has ever been made in Scotland. The relics were discovered in a rabbit-hole. Some time ago a boy happened to pick up some silver coins which the rabbits had thrown out in the formation of their hole, and carried them home. The circumstance became known, and one day lately, as some people were waiting for the ebb of the tide, before proceeding

with the work of gathering ware, one of their number proposed that they should visit the place where the boy had lately discovered the money. They accordingly went in a body to the spot, and at the first or second stroke of a warehook one of them drew out a large heap of silver. At the sight of the bright metal there was instantly a scramble among those present, and by one or other of them all was carried away. The circumstance coming afterwards to the ears of the authorities in Kirkwall, an investigation was made, and we are glad that the greater part of the treasure has been recovered, Sheriff Robertson and others, who interested themselves in recovering the property, having remunerated the finders. The relics are altogether several pounds in weight, and consist of massive pins, brooches, bracelets, necklaces, and other ornaments, beside some number of silver coins. The dates of the latter, and the supposed age of the ornaments, we have not ascertained, but we believe that both have been contemporaneous with the reign of the earliest kings in Scottish or Scandinavian history.—*John O' Groat Journal.*

## PROMOTIONS, PREFERMENTS, &c.

### GAZETTE PREFERMENTS, &c.

March 22. Earl of Dalkeith to be Lieutenant of Dumfries.

Alexander Shank Cook, esq., to be Sheriff of Ross and Cromarty.

March 23. James Moncrieff Arnott, esq., to be Surgeon in Ordinary to His Royal Highness the Prince Consort.

March 24. William Lawrence, esq., F.R.S., to be one of Her Majesty's Serjeant Surgeons in Ordinary.

March 29. The Rev. George Edward Lynch Cotton, D.D., to be Bishop of Calcutta.

March 31. Sir John Finnes Crampton, K.C.B., to be Ambassador at St. Petersburg.

Andrew Buchanan, esq., C.B., to be Ambassador at Madrid.

George John Robert Gordon, esq., to be Ambassador at Hanover.

Captain the Hon. Edward Alfred John Harris, R.N., to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation.

The Hon. Henry George Howard to be Ambassador at Tuscany.

The Hon. Henry George Elliot to be Ambassador at Copenhagen.

Lord Augustus William Frederick Spencer Loftus to be Ambassador at Vienna.

Vis-count Chelsea to be Secretary to the Embassy at Paris.

April 1. Edward Stanley, esq., and James Paget, esq., to be Surgeons Extraordinary to Her Majesty.

Frederic Wymouth Gibbs, esq., to be a Companion of the Bath.

Grægorio Luigi Marc, esq., to be Consul at Samos.

Frederick Doveton Orme, esq., to be *Chargé d'Affaires* to the Republic of Bolivia.

The Hon. Julian Henry Charles Fane to be Secretary of Legation at Vienna.

William Lowther, esq., to be Secretary of Legation at St. Petersburg.

Augustus Berkley Paget, esq., to be Secretary of Legation at Berlin.

Edward Harris, esq., to be Secretary of Legation at Lisbon.

Joseph Hume Burnley, esq., to be Secretary of Legation at Berne.

William Campbell Manley, esq., to be Secretary of Legation at Copenhagen.

April 3. The Rev. William John Chesshire to be Canon of Canterbury.

April 5. George Samuel Woodley Watley, esq., to be Colonial Secretary, Neris.

Henry Nicholas D. Byles, esq., to be Magistrate at Mauritius.

April 9. Major-General Sir John Gaspard Le Marchant to be Governor of Malta.

Goldwin Smith, esq., M.A., to be Professor of Modern History at Oxford.

April 10. Dunbar, James, Earl of Selkirk, to be Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland.

April 12. Frederick Doveton Orme, esq., to be *Chargé d'Affaires* at Venezuela.

April 14. John Barnard Byles, esq., one of Her Majesty's Judges, received the honour of knighthood.

April 19. The Earl of Mansfield, K.T., to be Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland.

*Member returned to serve in Parliament.*

Dublin, University.—Anthony Lefroy, esq.